

I have with great anxiety watched every movement
of Anti-Slavery Societies, have seen the onward progress
of the cause with great joy & thanksgiving to God.
But at this time I have some fears that my brethren
do not all take a judicious course. — I mean
with regard to the death of Mr Lovejoy —

I believe A.S. Societies should speak plainly against
the course he pursued in taking arms.
I believe such a course would have a good
influence upon the Southern slave holders —
Beside it would be carrying out the principles
of our declaration at Philadelphia —

I fear by this our ranks may be filled with those
who are governed by spirit instead of principles —
We do not need any wardogs to help us
Truth will do the work faster & better —
We have a great work to do & every step should
be measured well —

Yours in Christian love

P. B. Fish

Heath Jan 13th 1838

Rev. P. B. Fisk. (Bapt)

Heath. Jan 13. 1838.

Franklin Ass^y



Dear Brother -

I received your communication dated Dec 26-1837. Requesting information concerning Baptist ministers in this County, in answer I would say -

✓ Rev Amherst Lamb ^{P.O.} Charlestown, Mem. A.S.S. Charlestown, man of good influence, a hearty consistent abolitionist adopts the A.S.S. principles -

✓ Rev. John Alden Jr Principal of Franklin Academy, Shelburne Falls, Shelburne Falls P.O. Mem. A.S.S. same place - Adopts the principles A.S.S. Rather careful however says but little on the subject, Man of influence

✓ Rev. Foster Hartwell, ^{P.O.} Cornway Adopts the principles of A.S.S. heartily - No society in that place -

✓ Rev. Mr. Hale North Ashfield, lately settled there, have not been able to see him.

✓ Rev. Mr. Aldrich Deerfield, Greenfield P.O. - Abolitionist I have not learned whether he is a member or not

✓ Rev. W. H. Dalsimpe ^{P.O.} Greenfield, Have not learned his sentiments

✓ Rev. Jesse M. Purinton, ^{P.O.} Colrain, Mem. A.S.S. Colrain - adopts the principles of A.S.S. Man of the most influence of any in the County of our denomination (yet rather careful on this subject)

✓ P. B. Fisk (myself) Adopts the principles of the A.S.S. heartily have labored some in the cause about 6 years.

✓ Rev. Edward Davenport ^{P.O.} Colrain, Says he has never given the subject an investigation - good man, but small influence rather obscure - yet possesses considerable wealth -

9-6- You see I do not give a full report according to request My engagements have been such that I have not been able to see all the brethren & some I have sent to I have not received an answer ^{the above are all the names of our ministers except one or two} ^{disminuted}